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Martyr Longinus the Centurion, who stood at the Cross of the Lord

The Holy Martyr Longinus the Centurion, a Roman soldier, served in Judea under the command of the Governor, Pontius Pilate. When our Savior Jesus Christ was crucified, it was the detachment of soldiers under the command of Longinus which stood watch on Golgotha, at the very foot of the holy Cross. Longinus and his soldiers were eyewitnesses of the final moments of the earthly life of the Lord, and of the great and awesome portents that appeared at His death. These events shook the centurion’s soul. Longinus believed in Christ and confessed before everyone, “Truly this was the Son of God” (Mt. 27:54).

According to Church Tradition, Longinus was the soldier who pierced the side of the Crucified Savior with a spear, and received healing from an eye affliction when blood and water poured forth from the wound.

After the Crucifixion and Burial of the Savior, Longinus stood watch with his company at the Sepulchre of the Lord. These soldiers were present at the All-Radiant Resurrection of Christ. The Jews bribed them to lie and say that His disciples had stolen away the Body of Christ, but Longinus and two of his comrades refused to be seduced by the Jewish gold. They also refused to remain silent about the miracle of the Resurrection.

Having come to believe in the Savior, the soldiers received Baptism from the apostles and decided to leave military service. Saint Longinus left Judea to preach about Jesus Christ the Son of God in his native land (Cappadocia), and his two comrades followed him.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20 Gospel Luke 8:5-15

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MEMORIAL SATURDAY November 4th-Divine Liturgy at the CHAPEL starting at 9:30 a.m.

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VISITS: Sewickley: Dorothy Bratich **Friendship Ridge:** Ann Belich, Helen Belich, Sara Jerich, Cynthia Bratich, Robin Lapceovich Ted Belich

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FUNERAL: Give rest O Lord to thy departed servant RALPH PFLUG and make his memory to be eternal. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family kumovi and friends. **VJECNAJA PAMJAT!**

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Our sympathy to the **DOROTHY BRATICH** family. Viewing Monday, October 30, 2017 from 2pm-4pm and 6pm-8pm Tatalovich Funeral Home Aliquippa. Pomen 7:30 pm Funeral Tuesday at 10am in church.

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MEETINGS: Sunday, October 29th there will be a Mother’s Club Meeting following Divine Liturgy. **NOMINATION MEETING** for the 2017-2018 Church School Congregation Officers will be held on **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2017** immediately following Divine Liturgy. Our **ANNUAL ASSEMBLY** will be held on **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31st 2017** also following Divine Liturgy. Please attend these very important meetings. We look forward to seeing you there.

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ICE SKATING OUTING will be held on **Saturday, November 4th from 1:45 PM-3:45 PM** at **Brady’s Run Park Ice Arena** all church school children are welcome to attend!

Our St. Elijah Choir will be one of the guests of the **Dr. Laza Kostich Choir of Midland, PA** concert, doors open at **4:30** concert starts at **5:00 p.m.** at the **Serbian Club downtown Midland.** Come and join us!

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Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser Eat-in or Take- out

Sunday, November 5, 2017 Noon-3pm

Donation: \$12.00

Includes Spaghetti, Meatballs, Salad, Dessert

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It’s a **“BABY SHOWER”** on Sunday, November 12, 2017 for Popadija Dragana immediately following Divine Liturgy and you are invited to attend. Please call Julie Taylor by November 7th if you are able to be there. 412-215-6229 or email her at: thejts@comcast.net

+++++ It’s time for the **KCC Annual Bake Sale**, order forms are located next to the bulletin. Please take some to share with your friends. We are also having a frozen strudel sale, forms are also located next to the bulletin.

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Sunday School will have their annual **THANKSGIVING PROGRAM** and **Pumpkin Roll Sale along with a PANCAKE BREAKFAST** on Sunday, November 19th. If you would like to order a pumpkin roll, please contact Georgette Osman at 724-777-4615 or georgette.osman@comcast.net. The cost of the rolls is \$15.00.